



## Brandon K. Steffey

October 6, 1986 - October 25, 2009

The remains of Specialist Steffey was brought home to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on Monday, November 2nd arriving 7:30am at Chippewa County International Airport. An Honor Guard met the plane at Chippewa County International Airport. Specialist Steffey was transported from the airport by special escort to the Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home. Specialist Steffey will be transported from Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home located at 113 Maple Street, downtown Sault Ste. Marie by special escort at 11:00am. The procession will then travel south on Ashmun Street to Marquette Avenue then east on Marquette Avenue to Sault Area High School. Support for the Steffey family may be shown by participation along the procession route on Wednesday, and through attendance during visitation and the funeral service on Wednesday at the high school. SPC Brandon Keith Steffey, 23, gave his life in Operation Enduring Freedom on Sunday October 25, 2009 in Afghanistan. He was on his second tour along with his K-9 partner Maci. Brandon was born on October 6th, 1986 in Sault Ste. Marie at War Memorial Hospital to Dennis and Rachel Steffey. As a young child, Brandon played in many sports - wrestling, hockey and baseball being his favorites. He occasionally attempted to take down his father in wrestling, but it wasn't until many years later after army training, that he was able to best him. Brandon was able to make the best of any situation. This was evident during his Senior year at Sault High when after transferring to Brimley, a parent described him by saying that he "breathed life back into the baseball program." Brandon was

admired by so many people for his manners and politeness. Everyone who knew Brandon loved him and his smile. He was a tough guy with a contagious laugh, a gentle giant as some described him. Aside from everything else that he accomplished, he was a huge influence on many who knew him, most of all his nephew Connor, who from a very early age looked up to him. Preceding Brandon in death was his grandmother Madeline Southall. Brandon is survived by his wife Andrea and daughter Abigail Grace of San Antonio, Texas parents, father Dennis Steffey, mother Rachel (David) Humpf both of Sault Ste Marie. Also surviving Brandon, is his sister Heather Steffey, nephew Connor VanLuven and his best friend, Nicholas Frazier all of Sault Ste. Marie, Michael (Cynthia) Steffey, Bill Steffey also of San Antonio Texas. Also surviving is his father-in-law, David Kurimski, of Johnson City, Texas and mother-in-law, Chrystal Gilg of San Antonio. Joel (Freida) Clary of Green Bay Wisconsin. Helen (Randall) Haas of Washington Michigan. Grandparents Bob and Nita Clary also of the Soo. Numerous other loved ones too many to list. On Wednesday November 4, 2009 a celebration of Brandon's life will be held from 12 noon until 4:00pm at Sault Area High School. Funeral Services with Full Military Honors will be held on Wednesday November 4 at 4:00pm with Major Roger Rhodes officiating. Sergeant Arla Bennett and Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home, is assisting the Steffey family during this difficult time. In addition, Governor Granholm, by Executive Order, has directed all flags in the State of Michigan be flown at half-staff on Wednesday November 4, 2009 for Specialist Steffey, furthermore, Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Anthony Bosbous has requested that flags be flown at half-staff on Monday and Tuesday as well to recognize the ultimate sacrifice that Army Specialist Brandon K. Steffey made for the cause of his country.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon K. Steffey*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Brandon K. Steffey*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Brandon K. Steffey*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM

LT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I grew up across the street from Dennis, Valorie and Mike on Division Street in the Soo. We attended Malcolm School together. Our class communicates via email and several of our classmates shared the youtube video of the very handsome and brave Brandon that moved me tremendously. I hope you don't mind, I posted the video on [www.recognizegood.org](http://www.recognizegood.org) - a site where acts of kindness are recognized for people to see publicly. He's my hero. For Brandon's family in San Antonio, I work at the Samaritan Center for Counseling and Pastoral Care. We provide professional counseling services to family members of soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan at NO CHARGE. We're here for you. It's only a short drive from SA to Austin -but would be worth the trip, I assure you. Visit as often as you like. The phone is 512-451-7337 ext. 116. Everyone from your family qualifies. We have child specialists and all our counselors have military backgrounds, so they understand and work with the families to help you get through this. I am not a counselor, but I would be happy to coordinate with a counselor on your behalf. In fact, I would be honored. Thank you for your sacrifice to me and my family. Brandon's life will not be taken for granted. Because of Brandon, we live freely --I can't imagine what you are going through and hope that my words comfort you in some way. Linda (Hank) Thompson

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**Linda Thompson** - November 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Denny, not sure you will remember me but lived in the Soo for a long time. I played softball with you for a couple of years. It is with a heavy heart that I write you now. I very sorry to hear of the death of your son. As a former military person, I understand the supreme sacrifice that Brandon has made. God bless you Brandon and thank you for the service to our country. Denny, may God be with you in this time of sorrow.

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**Jim Wray** - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Words cannot express our profound sorrow. We pray for your comfort, courage, and strength.

Marty and Kathy Sherlund - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ From the bottom of our hearts, we offer our prayers and deepest sympathy. May God ease your grief.

Ed and DJ Malloy - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to you in your grief and loss for your boy and wonderful young man Brandon. What a priviledge to have known him. Joy and I sit and talk about the hockey days and how he always brought a smile to our face. We remember one time Matt had a bad game and was sitting in the dressing room with his head hanging low. Brandon came up and put his arm around him and asked him whats wrong. Matt said he didnt want to talk about it. Brandon responded, Matt youve got to let it out, youve got to talk about it. Matt told him about letting in all the goals . Brandon said we're a team , we all let the goals in. Matt felt better and Joy smiled. We will always remember Brandon and his uniqeness and his sacrifice for us and our country and our freedom. May God bless you and comfort you. Love,Dave and Joy

Dave and Joy Cunningham Family - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Our heartfelt and deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Brandon Steffey. Rachel and Dennis, your son was a brave hero fighting for our country! He is in the arms of Jesus now and know we keep your families in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time! God be with you and comfort you, Gary & Pat Forrest

Gary and Pat Forrest - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Brandon died doing what did best - serving this great Nation. Words can not express our feelings of loss for Brandon and his immediate family. Please know that we share your pain and sadness at this time. Although Brandon is now with God, but he will be missed greatly by those who loved him on Earth. He will live forever in the hearts of his family and friends on Earth. May God bless Brandon, his family and friends.

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**Don & Cookie Kite** - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Rachel & Denny, please know that Joy, Jill and I send our love and prayers. Our hearts go out to you and your family for the loss of your son, Brandon.

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**Jan Peterman Holt** - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Brandon was a wonderful friend and overall person. He was so caring and would do anything to help someone in need, even if he barely knew them. From the first time I met him in 2001, I knew that he was a true friend. Never had I met someone with such compassion. He always put a smile on my face, and I am very proud to have been able to call him my friend. May he rest in peace.

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**Marissa Ainslie** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To Brandon's Family, "Greater Love hath no man than this, that he lay his life down for his friend." Brandon has not died in vain, but has gone on in glory. He is in a place of Peace and Joy and forever young, where there is no pain or sorrow, and God Himself shall wipe away the tear from his face. Please accept our sympathy and condolences in the loss of this young man who died to keep his country - and people - free. The U. S. Army Combat Tracker Teams of the Viet Nam War

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**Susan Merritt-Combat Tracker Teams of the VN War** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM